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It is my great pleasure to present the Lillian Goldman Law Library’s 2011–2012 Annual Report highlighting the remarkable developments of our wonderful library over the past fiscal year. We continue to move forward with our vision to be the best academic law library in the world and are enthusiastic about the critical role a great library can play in supporting the mission of a world-class academic institution in the 21st Century.

Readers of earlier Annual Reports know the digital age has enabled us to transform our library into a more service-oriented organization that is far more engaged in the academic programs of the law school than ever before. We’ve built upon and restructured our rich foundation of print collections by continuing to enhance those areas in which print remains crucial—such as monographs, foreign law materials, and rare books—while cancelling print in areas where digital access is strong, reliable, and preferred by our users. These changes in the calibration between our print and digital resources have accelerated over the past decade and enabled us to reallocate staff and expand our investment in digital resources in a manner that better serves all of our users. As a result, we provide better than ever access to information resources that support the work of our users; indeed our patrons have among the best access to information anywhere in the world.

While our library’s information resources are astounding, our librarians and support staff are our strongest asset and comprise an amazing team of information professionals. Contemporary libraries require staff with an extraordinary range of skills who understand the intersection of law, research, and technology and are able to work together to seamlessly provide users with the best information resources needed for their research. In an age where so much information is available at nearly anyone’s fingertips, the role of highly skilled information professionals – that is, librarians – is more important than it’s ever been. They are essential for teaching our students how to most effectively sort through information at the high level expected of Yale graduates and for enabling faculty to work most efficiently and effectively in this age of information overload. The law librarians at Yale are among the very best in the profession and truly make this an especially innovative and exciting place to work.

The range of developments covered in this report include the continued evolution of our library’s programmatic activities such as our book talk and film series; exciting new acquisitions, exhibits and programs, particularly in rare books and foreign law—areas that always attracts a breadth of visitors and researchers; and major upgrades in our library’s infrastructure, including a new website and new ILS (integrated library system) to enhance our catalog’s capabilities. The latter upgrades position our library to continue its leading role in the use of technology to further our mission of supporting the educational and scholarly programs of Yale Law School and Yale University.

Additionally, we have curated several unique and impressive exhibits, created and populated a world-renowned Yale Law School Legal Scholarship Repository, and grown our digital Documents Collection Center; the latter two are available freely on our library website under the eYLS tab.

The Remarkable Run of a Political Icon: Justice as a Sign of the Law was one of the library’s more newsworthy exhibits of the year and illustrates the important role the library’s staff and collections play in the work of faculty and students. This exhibit, curated by two faculty members, a Yale law student, and our rare book librarian, features nearly a dozen volumes from the Law Library’s collections tracing the roots of the iconography of Justice.

The library’s Legal Scholarship Repository also received media attention over the past year, as its growth and use continued to expand to unimaginable levels. This freely available, open access repository now includes nearly every Yale Law School faculty-authored article published in a U.S. law school journal. The worldwide downloads from the repository nearly doubled over just the past six months, reaching approximately one million at the end of the year covered by this report.
Our Documents Collection Center, which like the repository can be found on our website by clicking on the eYLS tab, grew substantially over the past year and includes many of the databases of documents collected by librarians in support of faculty research projects. Notable recent collections found here include The Pronouncing Dictionary of the Supreme Court of the United States, which is a database supporting a joint Yale Law School faculty-student project covering the correct pronunciation of hundreds of phonetically challenging U.S. Supreme Court cases. Another significant addition is the database supporting the work of the Yale Law School Center for Global Legal Challenges and the amicus brief they filed before the U.S. Supreme Court in Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum. This database includes the full text of the hundreds of documents cited in the brief, ranging from the Romanian Criminal Code to the Torture Victim Protection Act of 1991. Many of these documents came directly from our library and some are difficult to locate elsewhere. These are just a few examples of the collaborative role our library increasingly plays in the teaching and research at the Law School.

Of course, we have fun too, and it’s often the lighter part of what we do that makes the news. Thus, Monty, our therapy dog, continued to make appearances at the end of each term and was the subject of several national news articles. He even received an award from the American Association of Law Libraries! Monty is symbolic of the caring attitude and supportive environment the library offers students. Still, we take even more pride in the collections, activities, and programs that most directly support the Law School’s teaching and scholarship.

As I write this introduction, we are entering yet another academic year, and a new group of students is here for a week of orientation sessions. Graduate students from around the world tell me with great delight how amazed and excited they are at the prospect of making good use of our library resources. They often are not accustomed to a library with such a rich and open print collection, access to an incomparable array of digital resources, and a talented and ever-helpful staff. Our foreign law collections in particular allow for comparative research projects possible in only a handful of other institutions, and our broadly educated expert staff, fluent in a multitude of languages, assures that the time they spend in our library alone is worth a year at Yale. It is certainly gratifying to work in an institution where the library remains at the heart of the law school and plays an expanding role in its teaching and scholarship.

S. Blair Kauffman
Law Librarian and Professor of Law

Litchfield Law School
The focus of law library administration is threefold: promote our law school faculty, meet the needs of our patrons, and support our staff.

**PROMOTING FACULTY**

The library-sponsored Book Talk Series is a fun and popular forum for our faculty to discuss their recently published books. The talks are well attended by students, faculty colleagues, and the wider Yale and New Haven communities. This year we held over a dozen book talks both in the library and at the Yale Bookstore. Most of the book talks are recorded and the videos are uploaded and attached to the item record and freely available in MORRIS, the law library’s catalog.

The law library also hosted a film screening of *Nuremberg: Its Lesson for Today*. The film was presented and a discussion was led afterward by Sandra Schulberg, Restoration Producer and daughter of the original Nuremberg filmmaker, Stuart Schulberg. The film was sponsored by the European Studies Council, Film Studies Program, Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies, Genocide Studies Program, Lillian Goldman Law Library and Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights.

**MEETING PATRON NEEDS**

The library’s administrative staff works closely with our students to ensure their needs are met in many respects. This year we re-purposed low-use space on the Lower East Side into a collaborative work area where students can rearrange furniture, hold meetings and study groups, and perform group law review cite checking. Talking is encouraged in this flexible work area.

Additionally, the administration responded to student survey suggestions by adjusting library opening and closing times, and by replacing library chairs with new, adjustable, and more comfortable seating throughout the library. We installed digital signage at the main reading room entrance to inform students of daily events, the Yale shuttle route, and other relevant matters.

A popular and fun pastime the library co-sponsors with the YLS Graduate Programs is Movie Night @ YLS. In its sixth year, our movie night series provides an opportunity for our
graduate students to select and screen movies from their home countries. Movies this year included: The Singing Revolution (Estonia), The Strike (Israel), No Man’s Land (former Yugoslavia), Elite Squad (Brazil), Gangster’s Paradise (South Africa), Goodbye Lenin! (Germany), and Jab We Met (India).

Library administration also works closely with Law Library Faculty Services to ensure that our faculty members receive what they need as quickly and efficiently as possible. For example, on several occasions we have engaged the services of researchers in other parts of the country to delve into the archives of various special collections; we file FOIA requests for government records; and we track down out-of-print books from foreign countries. We go the extra mile to meet the research and instructional needs of our faculty.

SUPPORTING STAFF
The library administration believes that professional development is a crucial part of keeping our staff current in research, instruction, and technology trends in the industry. Our twenty professional librarians attend conferences, both domestic and international, relevant to their area of expertise, and often present papers and participate in panels at these conferences.

We also bring speakers into the library to engage our staff and continue the lifelong learning process. For example, we invited William Rando, director of the Yale Graduate Teaching Center, in December to advise and instruct our librarian-teachers on various aspects of pedagogy and tools for a more effective classroom experience.

We host a Spotlight Series that this year included speakers amongst our current and former colleagues as well as a few from outside the law library. Nancy Maasbach, Executive Director of the Yale-China Association, informed us of the history of the Yale-China Association. Rich Leiter, Director of the Law Library at the University of Nebraska, spoke to us about his perspective on the future of law libraries and legal collections. Ann Doherty of the Connecticut Judicial Branch Library in New Haven discussed the current and future status of courthouse libraries in Connecticut. Author John Williams shared with us his fascinating research and knowledge related to the transformation of the American book from 1890–1910.

Our own Mike Widener, Rare Book Librarian, taught us about our collection of Italian rare books and shared with us details of his visit to Rome and participation in a symposium at the Biblioteca del Senato della Repubblica in relation to the facsimile reproduction and publication of our original 15th c. Montebuono manuscript. Also, William E. Butler in collaboration with Mike Widener discussed his then-current exhibit on The Monuments of Imperial Russian Law: An Exhibition. Our reference colleague Margaret Chisholm organized and hosted an impressive Celebration of the Centennial of Bayard Rustin (1912–2012) involving Mr. Rustin’s life partner, Walter Naegle. Finally, our former Associate Librarian for Administration, Femi Cadmus, current Director and Associate Dean for Library Services at Cornell University Law Library, returned to the Yale Law Library to speak with us on managing and leading change in a transforming library.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
Teresa Miguel-Stearns, Associate Librarian for Administration, continues to oversee the Foreign and International Law Collection. She delivered a paper, The Digital Legal Landscape in South America: Government Transparency and Access to Information, at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She was invited to speak at the University of Arizona, School of Information and Library Science, Knowledge River 10-year reunion, on Taking It Up A Notch: Career Advancement for Diverse Mid-Career Professionals. She is also the webmaster for the Foreign, Comparative, and International Librarians Special Interest Section (FCIL-SIS) of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL).

EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PLANNING
The library’s Disaster Planning Committee, chaired by Ms. Miguel-Stearns, created operating procedures for situations, emergencies, and disasters from floods to unwanted persons to suspicious packages. All staff members have been given a flip-booklet that addresses these emergencies and each has been trained in appropriate procedure and the locations of all emergency exits in the library. The committee also created a lengthier Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) in conjunction with Emergency Management at Yale for times when the library, law school, or university might be closed for an extended period. Additional members of the committee are Scott Matheson, Mike Widener, and Cesar Zapata.


Burt, Robert A. In the Whirlwind: God and Humanity in Conflict. April 24, 2012, Yale Bookstore.
Civil Rights Exhibits
Centennial Project Aims to Give Bayard Rustin His Due, The North Star News and Analysis, April 5, 2012

Elizabethan Club Exhibit
Object Lesson: Marginalia, Yale Alumni Magazine, July/August 2011

Legal Scholarship Repository
Law School Library Leads Open Access, Yale Daily News, November 2, 2011

Monty
Associated Press, May 12, 2012 (mention)
My Date with Monty, Yale Daily News, April 26, 2012
CNN, May 14, 2012 (mention)
Puppies Help Law Students Shake Off Stress, Washington Post, December 2, 2011
Going to the Dogs, ABA Journal, August 2011

Making of Modern Law Database
Information Today, September 1, 2011 (mention)

Shakespeare Exhibit
Hartford Courant, December 18, 2011 (mention)
Yale to Celebrate the Bard, Yale Daily News, April 1, 2011 (mention)
This year, two of the Rare Book Collection’s 15th-century legal manuscripts were the subject of extended monographic treatment. The manuscript of the statutes of Montebuono, Italy, was published in splendid color facsimile in Lo Statuto di Montebuono in Sabina del 1437 (Rome: Viella Libreria Editrice, 2011). Accompanying the facsimile was an essay by Mario Ascheri, the leading authority on medieval Italian municipal statutes, two other studies, and a full transcription of the original Latin by Alda Spotti of the Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Roma. The book was the culmination of a three-year collaboration between the Lillian Goldman Law Library and the Fondazione Gabriele Berionne. It was formally launched with a symposium in Rome at the Biblioteca del Senato della Repubblica, November 23, that included presentations by Rare Book Librarian Mike Widener and Professor Anders Winroth of Yale’s History Department.

In addition, Rosemarie McGerr’s A Lancastrian Mirror for Princes: The Yale Law School New Statutes of England (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2011) is a book-length study of one of the law library’s most beautiful manuscripts, the Statuta Angliae nova. Prof. McGerr, director of the Medieval Studies Institute at Indiana University, argues that the illuminations in this collection of statutes were intended to prepare the young son of King Henry VI for kingship and to celebrate Henry’s claims to the English throne. The library sponsored a well-attended book talk by Prof. McGerr on February 24.

The Fall 2011 exhibition, The Remarkable Run of a Political Icon: Justice as a Sign of the Law, arose from the prize-winning book by Professors Judith Resnik and Dennis Curtis, Representing Justice: Invention, Controversy, and Rights in City-States and Democratic Courtrooms (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2011). The exhibit was curated by Profs. Resnik and Curtis, Mr. Widener, and Allison Tait ’12. Using examples from the Rare Book Collection and the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, the exhibit traced the roots of the iconography of Justice.

The Spring 2012 exhibit, Monuments of Imperial Russian Law, was perhaps the first exhibit on the history of Russian law mounted in the United States. It was curated by Professor William E. Butler of Pennsylvania State University, with help from Mr. Widener. Prof. Butler is the nation’s leading expert on modern Russian law and Russian legal history. Early Russian law books from the library’s collection were supplemented by several rare volumes loaned by the Harvard Law Library. In conjunction with the exhibit, the library sponsored a lecture by Prof. Butler on May 9.

The two exhibits accounted for 35 of the 54 postings on the Yale Law Library Rare Books Blog. The year’s most frequently viewed post was “Capturing dealer descriptions in our online catalog” (April 21) with close to 2,000 views. The post explained how Mr. Widener had been attaching book dealer descriptions to the morris records for the books. The post sparked lengthy and lively discussions on Twitter, on blogs of the Folger Shakespeare Library and Fine Books & Collections Magazine, and on Exlibris-L, the listserv for rare book librarians, dealers, and collectors.

The second most widely read post on the Rare Books Blog was the announcement of a new library Flickr gallery with images of bookplates in the Rare Book Collection. Drew Adan, an assistant in Collections & Access, initiated this project. The gallery quickly grew to 89 images; bookplates are added as they come to staff attention.
The increase in visits to the Rare Book Room was due to the large number of classes. Prof. Weinroth’s graduate seminar in medieval legal history met in the Rare Book Room in the Spring 2012 semester. Mr. Widener also gave presentations to Professor James Forman’s constitutional law seminar (September 15); Professor Gene Fidelis’s admiralty class (September 20); Professor Francesca Trivellato’s graduate history seminar on early modern Italy (September 21); Professor Nick Parillo’s legal history seminar (September 23); Teresa Miguel-Stearn’s Law, Politics & Society in Latin America class (February 2); Professor Ed Rugemer’s History of the Common Law class (February 20 and April 18); and Camilla Tubbs’ Advanced Legal Research class (March 8).

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**REFERENCE STATISTICS, RARE BOOK COLLECTION**

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The Reference and Instructional Services department coordinates with the Foreign and International Law Collection team to provide research support and other services to the faculty and students of Yale Law School, members of the university community, and others.

REFERENCE

The past year saw a number of important developments in how reference assistance was provided and administered. In January, Julie Graves Krishnaswami joined the library as the Head of Reference Services in order to oversee, organize, and coordinate the research and reference aspects of the department.

One of the principles by which the department operates is that a library patron should be able to ask a question however he/she wants, and it is our responsibility to see that the question reaches the person most qualified to answer it. It is also our responsibility to provide means of reaching us that our patrons want to use. To that end, we have long encouraged patrons to come in person to the Reference Desk or to an individual librarian’s office, to call us on the telephone, to email us, to use text messaging to reach us, or to use an instant messaging (IM) service. This year, through the efforts of Ms. Krishnaswami and Jason Eiseman, Head of Technology Services, IM became more ubiquitous. Ms. Krishnaswami negotiated a license with an IM service that allows better service and data gathering that can lead to better support. Mr. Eiseman with the assistance of Mary Jane Kelsey and Scott Matheson, both of the Technical Services department, put an IM widget on all of the pages of the law library web site as well as in the Morris and Encore iterations of the library catalog. The technology allows librarian and patron to continue to communicate uninterrupted as they move from page to page within the law library’s webpages, websites, and catalog.

This year, the department responded to over 3,500 reference inquiries. While the majority of research inquiries occur between 9 am and 6 pm on weekdays, there remains a need for weekend and evening reference coverage. Most reference interactions were face-to-face and IM contacts increased dramatically and now represent the second most popular method of requesting reference assistance, followed by email. The telephone’s importance as a means of seeking reference assistance has declined, and, interestingly, text reference is not popular either. We plan to promote text reference this year and will be interested to see the results. An increasingly popular form of reference interaction is through scheduled one-on-one meetings with reference librarians.

INSTRUCTION

We offer excellent classroom instruction as well as online and individualized sessions. Online education includes electronic versions of lectures, and guides; we have also produced numerous tutorials based on our class presentations and our students’ research needs. One of the greatest challenges facing the department as we move forward is to develop new methods of instruction.

Among the instructional offerings provided by the law library are formal, for-credit classes; electronic tutorials; research guides; guest research lectures in substantive law classes; research lectures to journals and clinics; research series offered to groups of students and staff, for example the sessions taught by members of the Foreign and International Collection team to LLM students; one-off research sessions open to the community; and training to first-year law student Small Groups. The department is also responsible for coordinating classes offered by outside vendors.

Advanced Legal Research (ALR) is the showpiece for-credit class. It is taught by a team of librarians along with Robert Harrison, one of the law school’s Lecturers in Legal Method. Last year, ALR was offered in the spring and 44 student enrolled. Camilla Tubbs, Head of Instructional Services, coordinated and led the ALR instructional team consisting of Mr. Eiseman, John Nann, Associate Librarian for Reference and Instructional Services, Ms. Krishnaswami, and Evelyn Ma and Ryan Harrington of the Foreign and International team. We also offer a series of one-unit classes that are graded on a credit/no credit basis and draw a somewhat smaller enrollment than ALR. Last year we taught courses on Efficient Legal Research, coordinated by Ms. Tubbs and assisted by Mr. Eiseman, Mr. Nann, and Michael VanderHeijden, Faculty Services Librarian; Corporate Legal Research, coordinated by Margaret Chisholm, Reference Librarian;
and Foreign and International Legal Research, coordinated by Mr. Harrington and assisted by Ms. Ma, Mr. Nann, and Teresa Miguel-Stearns. Ms. Miguel-Stearns also teaches a one-unit course entitled, Law, Politics, and Society in Latin America; and Mr. Nann teaches Research Methods in American Legal History.

Members of the department continue to serve as Legal Research Advisors for first-semester, first-year Small Groups. Last year, Mr. Eiseman, Mr. Nann, Ms. Tubbs, and Mr. Harrington each worked with the Small Groups. Ms. Tubbs implemented a more streamlined method for scheduling classes and a more uniform curriculum. Both systems made the process simpler and more efficient.

A variety of members of the department have created electronic video research tutorials. A total of 36 five-minute have been produced thus far. The tutorials break down the research process into short, illustrated steps. A patron can choose a video and learn about the research issue currently confronting him or her. There are 44 research guides that have been prepared by members of the department and the Foreign and International Law Collection team. The guides cover a range of topics from narrow, such as the Taft Court, to broader, such as Foreign, International, and Transnational Law.

During the past year, all of the reference librarians worked to support the research needs of the Yale Law School Clinics. The needs of each clinic vary as does the support provided. For example, several clinics require in-depth research classes or topical research guides in specialized fields. For others, small group tutorials or individual research appointments with the librarian-liaison are the preferred and more effective means of research instruction.

Ms. Chisholm coordinates the library’s outreach and work with the student-run law journals. She maintains regular communication with the journals and arranges for research classes or orientations with the most appropriate librarian depending on the journal and the topic. Ms. Chisholm also receives drafts of articles just before the citations are distributed for checking. She is, therefore, able to advise both the editors about potentially problematic citations and the librarians about any obscure citations that may be sought.

**Faculty Services and Support**

Mr. VanderHeijden heads the library's faculty support efforts. Sarah Kraus, Faculty Services Assistant, is responsible for the great bulk of the library's deliveries and routing. This year, Ms. Kraus and Mr. VanderHeijden filled almost 2,300 individual requests from over 70 members of the faculty, delivering over 3,800 items. Mr. VanderHeijden also arranges for copyright permission or clearance for classroom use by members of the law school faculty. The library has recognized a need among the faculty and students for support in their empirical research projects. In response to this need, the library has created a new position, Empirical Research Librarian, which will be in place this fall.

Mr. Eiseman has created several databases and web pages that support various faculty publications including one in support of Professor John Witt's book, Lincoln's Code. He configured and published a second edition of Professor Reva Siegel and Linda Greenhouse's book, Before Roe v. Wade: Voices that Shaped the Abortion Debate before the Supreme Court's Ruling. For this project he integrated new materials, created the book in various e-book formats, posted them on the eYLS website, and arranged for distribution through Google Books. Mr. Eiseman also created an interactive website complementing an article by Eugene Fiddell, Pronouncing Dictionary for the Supreme Court of the United States. This revolutionary site allows users to examine the phonetic pronunciation of a party’s name as well as listen to a linguist articulate the name.

Several librarians, including Mr. Eiseman, Mr. Harrington, Ms. Miguel-Stearns, and Ms. Krishnaswami developed a site that includes the documents cited by Yale Law School Center for Global Legal Challenges in their amicus brief filed with the United States Supreme Court in Kiebol v. Royal Dutch Petroleum. These materials consist mainly of difficult-to-locate foreign laws, jurisprudence from foreign and domestic courts, and international treaties and tribunal decisions.

**Professional Service**

Margaret Chisholm, Reference Librarian, developed an exhibit entitled Shakespeare and the Law at the Yale Law Library, as part of a University-wide celebration of Shakespeare. She spoke at the 2012 New Haven Arts and Ideas Festival about the Shakespeare exhibit. She also presented a talk at the 175th Anniversary of Cheyney University, Bayard Rustin: Non-Violent Warrior for Justice: A Celebration of the Centennial of Bayard Rustin’s Birth (1912–2012). And she presented a talk streamed to the six U.S. consular offices in Canada, entitled Bayard Rustin: Non-Violent Warrior for Justice: A Celebration of the Centennial of Bayard Rustin’s Birth (1912–2012).

Jason Eiseman, Head of Technology Services, served as vice-chair of the Computer Services Special Interest Section, a part of the American Association of Law Libraries. He also presented several talks this year, three at the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting in July 2012, Guerrilla Usability Testing, Customer Service and Marketing: Shaking Things up to Achieve a Great Library Identity, and a Hot Topic talk about ebooks. He also gave a talk entitled, Emerging Technologies in Legal Research, at the 2012 InPractice Conn Conference.

Julie Krishnaswami, Head of Reference, presented, You CAN Handle the Truth: Using Pop Culture to Teach Legal Research at the AALL Annual Meeting and Integrating Statutory Research and Analysis at the 15th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute. She presented an in-progress book chapter about implementing the Boulder Statement in a legal research class and was an invited Participant at the Fourth Conference on Legal Information: Scholarship and Teaching.

Camilla Tubbs, Head of Instructional Services, served as the president of the Southern New England Law Library Association and was also a member of the Federal Depository Library Council.

Michael VanderHeijden, Faculty Services Librarian, participated in the planning of the Yale University Library Reference and Research Education Spring Symposium, Man v. Machine: Is the Interface the Future Reference Librarian? Mr. VanderHeijden also serves as a member of the AALL Placement Committee.
The Foreign and International Law Collection continues to bring resources from around the world into the law library.

The librarians in the Foreign and International Law Collection have worked to make this collection one of the best in the world. Daniel Wade, Curator for Foreign and International Law, is responsible for the extraordinary and heavily used human rights collection. In addition, Yale is one of the few places where researchers can engage in thorough comparative legal research as a result of our holdings and databases from a wide variety of jurisdictions.

Other librarians assist Mr. Wade in purchasing foreign and international materials for the Lillian Goldman Law Library and their special interests and language skills enhance the selection process. Evelyn Ma, Asian Law Reference Librarian, collects for Korea, Japan, Singapore and China. Ryan Harrington, Reference Librarian for Foreign and International Law, selects for Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. Teresa Miguel-Stearns, Associate Librarian for Administration, collects for Latin America and Iberia. John Nann’s portfolio includes Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the UK and the European Union. Julie Graves Krishnaswami collects for global legal women’s issues. The law library also benefits from its collaboration with the Northeast Foreign Law Librarians’ Cooperative Group, which shares collecting responsibilities for less frequently used countries.

The electronic collection of foreign and international databases continues to grow. The library has purchased lawtel for UK materials and is in negotiations to purchase the Singaporean database LawNet. The Foreign and International Law Collection has also added e-books including a range of the International Encyclopedia of Laws. Thanks to cooperative efforts with the librarians in Technical Services, e-book titles from the German database BeckOnline have been added to the library catalog, making the e-books easier to access. Access to the electronic version of International Law Reports is easier than ever with changes to Justis and JustCite.

The Foreign and International Law Collection now has a web portal to showcase its activities and to link users to research guides, which the reference librarians have worked to expand this year. Many of these research guides were created for classes at the law school, including...
guides for Professor Michael Reisman’s *International Arbitration* class, his *International Investment Law* class, and Professor Oona Hathaway’s *U.S. Treaties* class. Prof. Hathaway also approached the law library with the idea to create a depository for the foreign and international resources she cited in her *Kiobel* amicus brief.

Furthermore, other guides were created for clinical needs. Professor Jim Silk’s *Lowenstein Human Rights Clinic*, Professor Jean Koh Peters’ *Immigration Legal Services Clinic*, Visiting Professor Katherine Kennedy’s *Environmental Law Clinic* are just a few of the clinics that have specialized research guides for students. Other guides, such as the popular Country-by-Country guide, provide users with access points that make exploring the foreign and international law collection’s vast resources easier to manage. In the past year, Ms. Ma created new guides on Islamic Law Research and Chinese Legal Research, and Mr. Harrington pulled together a collection of Travaux Préparatoires. All guides require constant updating and monitoring as syllabi, databases, and needs change.

In conjunction with the Reference and Instructional Services staff, Mr. Harrington and Ms. Ma frequently provided guest lectures in substantive and clinical classes. Mr. Harrington led *Specialized Legal Research: Foreign and International Law*, a one-credit course in the spring. Mr. Harrington also worked with Prof. Hathaway to coordinate his syllabus to *Introduction to Transnational Law* that Prof. Hathaway taught with Professor Scott Shapiro. Mr. Wade continued to teach *Current Legal Issues in Africa* with Professor Lea Brilmayer; and Ms. Miguel-Stearns taught *Law, Politics, and Society in Latin America* for the third consecutive year. Mr. Harrington increased his involvement in the graduate student orientation by teaching a session on *Introduction to U.S. Law* and another on *Academic Integrity* with Professor Susan Rose-Ackerman.

One of the biggest changes in the past year was the addition of a display case to showcase the richness of the foreign and international collection. Librarians collaborated with Barbara Olszowa and student assistant Lauren Koster to create displays in conjunction with conferences at the law school, including the Yale Journal of International Law’s icsid conference, the Bernstein Human Rights Symposium, the Alumni Weekend’s Human Rights in a Turbulent World, and the seating of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court. Descriptions of the exhibits can be found on the Foreign and International Blog, which is updated by all members of the Foreign and International Law Collection. Some of the most popular blog entries involve research tips and techniques for working with foreign and international materials; these blog entries are often drawn from real reference questions. Lexis named the Yale Law Library Foreign and International Blog one of the top 25 foreign and international law blogs of 2011.

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The Technical Services staff continually enhances the collection with new acquisitions from nearly every part of the world and in a variety of formats; catalogs and classifies those new additions, and enriches M.RIS, the library’s information portal with links to electronic resources and other services. Members of the Technical Services staff are vibrant participants in the law library community and are dedicated to interdepartmental cooperation. They regularly serve on library committees, volunteer their help for special events such as new student orientation, and assist with interdepartmental special projects.

TRANSITIONS

Scott Matheson joined the Technical Services department in August as the law library’s first Electronic Services Librarian. Mr. Matheson was formerly a member of the law library’s Reference department. He returns to the library after having held positions at University of Colorado Law Library and Yale University Library. He has a J.D. and an M.L.I.S. from University of Washington. Mr. Matheson conducted a complete review of all license agreements and other supporting documentation for all electronic resources purchased by the law library. He created or revised a comprehensive master record for each database or aggregation of electronic journals to include digitized licenses, contact and payment information. Another of his achievements is the coordination of purchasing decisions with Yale University Library.

Patrick Lavey was hired in June to begin a two-year position as Lead Cataloger starting July 16, 2012. Upon his arrival Susan Karpuk, Librarian for Bibliographic Services, will become Rare Book Cataloger and will concentrate on providing access to a large number of recent rare book purchases. Mr. Lavey has held cataloging positions at Social Law Library in Boston, New York State Library, and New York Historical Society. He has an M.L.I.S. from University of Rhode Island and a Ph.D. in American history from University of Illinois, Urbana.

CATALOGING

The cataloging unit created records for 6,211 monograph titles, 1,190 of which were for titles not owned or cataloged by any other library. Forty serial titles and 241 DVD titles were cataloged. Catalog records for the other 2,303 new monograph titles were purchased from a vendor. At the end of the fiscal year the backlog numbered 905 volumes, down 29% from the previous year-end total of 1,526 volumes.

Catherine Kellett, Catalog Librarian, received training to contribute new author personal names to the Library of Congress Name Authority Cooperative Program (NACO). Having completed this specialized training, Ms. Kellett is independently adding personal names to the NACO database, the authoritative guide to consistent use of names in library databases. NACO independence is an important achievement.

Ms. Kellett participated in the inaugural 80/20 program for professional staff. With supervisor approval the 80/20 program allows professional staff to spend 20% of their time in another law library department to gain wider organizational perspective and experience. Ms. Kellett spent four hours per week training at the Reference Desk. For the remainder of her time she worked with Jason Eiseman, Head of Technology Services, to learn the fundamentals of Drupal and website maintenance in order to update the Treatise Finder Dashboard and the Avalon Project. Ms. Kellett was able to link her work on the Treatise Finder to her work in Cataloging by using WebBridge, a feature available in MORRIS that provides links to additional resources based on programmed criteria. In the case of the treatises, certain subject headings will trigger links to a webpage of related treatises by clicking on the More Resources button on the top right corner of the record.

Ms. Karpuk led an interdepartmental team in a special project to relocate the microfiche collection from the Lower East Side and to integrate it with the collection on the Upper East Side. The project required the purchase of additional cabinets and a complete inventory of microfiche holdings on both floors. Ms. Karpuk created spreadsheets to manage the logistics of the move and the complex interfiling of the fiche cards. The move was successfully completed in a matter of weeks.
The cataloging staff attended training webinars and workshops on new cataloging standards called Resource Description and Access (RDA) which will be implemented by Library of Congress in early 2013.

ACQUISITIONS AND CONTINUING RESOURCES
The staff of the Acquisitions and Continuing Resources unit acquired and processed: 9,955 monograph titles in 10,956 volumes; 235 DVD titles in 468 disks; 14,864 microfiche cards equivalent to 2,477 volumes; 4,190 bound volumes received on subscription or standing order; and 12,390 journal issues, pocket parts, and loose-leaf releases. They also bound 2,410 volumes and paid 3,301 invoices containing 12,014 line items.

In addition to careful monitoring of book budgets, Anne Myers, Librarian for Acquisitions and Continuing Resources, collaborated with selectors to establish new vendor approval plans and re-evaluate the effectiveness of existing plans. Approval plans streamline the selection process. Ms. Myers also adjusted the ordering module to implement the vendor discounts option to give a more accurate encumbered price for titles placed with certain vendors. She and her staff purged the database of all but the recent two years of open orders. Consequently our figures for fund encumbrances more accurately reflect our obligations and make for much better planning by the selectors.

Ms. Myers conducted a full review of order codes and made improvements that will make it easier to compile reports on purchasing trends.

TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
The Technical Services department, continuing its tradition of being in the forefront of library systems technology, was again a test site for our system vendor, Innovative Interfaces. We participated in an integrated beta test of Millennium Release 2011 and were development partners for Innovative Interfaces’ new system platform called Sierra. The alpha test began in February with a test database located on a server at Innovative’s facility. In May we entered the beta phase when the library’s database was migrated from Millennium platform to the Sierra server.

MORRIS was enhanced by the addition of 114,666 records for electronic resources and the revision of 17,414 records. These records provide links to the digital versions of journals and are the foundation of MORRIS as a research portal. We now provide access through MORRIS to 182,649 titles in digital format.

MORRIS was also enriched by the inclusion of images from Rare Book Librarian Mike Widner’s extensive collection of digitized illustrations from the rare book collection. An example is *Album Juridicum* by Johann Moritz Werle (1733). The record displays thumbnail images of an illustration in the book (an etching of a law library) and the bookplate (Ex Musaeo, C.Haw).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Susan Karpuk: Yale Law Library Green Team, Chair; Sterling Memorial Library Sustainability Committee; attended American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting in Philadelphia; AALL Cataloging and Classification Standing Committee; AALL Rare Book Cataloging Roundtable; AALL Legal History and Rare Books Special Interest Section (sll); attended New York Technical Services Librarians annual fall program, NYC.

Catherine Kellett: Yale Law Library Programs Committee; attended AALL Annual Meeting; AALL Technical Services Special Interest Section (ts-sis); attended New England Law Libraries Consortium (NELLCO) Symposium, Albany Law School; attended Reference and Research Education Symposium, Yale University.

Mary Jane Kelsey: Yale Law Library Executive Committee; Yale Law Library Space Planning Committee; attended AALL Annual Meeting; AALL Online-Bibliographic Services Special Interest Section (OBS-sis); AALL TS-sis.

Scott Matheson: Yale Law Library Copyright Committee; Yale Law Library Digitization Committee; Yale Law Library Disaster Planning Committee; Yale University Library Hathi Trust Implementation Committee; personal librarian program in Yale College; attended AALL Annual; planned AALL program on bibliographic utility antitrust litigation; attended NELLCO Symposium in Albany; attended OCCC WorldShare Management symposium in Baltimore; attended Innovative Users Group meeting in Chicago; attended InPractice conference with Southern New England Law Libraries Association (SNELLA) delegation to share information about Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act and for briefing on IT security legal requirements in Hartford; attended SNELLA meetings and legislation tracking; attended Reference and Research Education Symposium at Yale.

Anne Myers: Yale Law Library Digital Initiatives Committee, Co-chair; Yale University Library Committee on Digitized General Electronic Resources (CODGER); attended AALL Annual Meeting; 2011 AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee, Chair; attended The Charleston Conference, Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition; attended the NELLCO Symposium in Albany; NELLCO Acquisitions & Collection Development Interest Group, Co-chair; SNELLA webmaster and listserv manager.

*Album Juridicum*
This has been the year that the efforts of the Access Services department to provide open-access to Yale law faculty scholarship have really come to fruition. Faculty scholarship is now freely available to anyone, anywhere in the world with access to the Internet, through the Yale Law School Legal Scholarship Repository. First conceived in 2003, the repository is an online, open access database available through the law library website's eyls portal containing almost all past and present Yale faculty legal scholarship. It is now recognized as one of the most valuable free portals to legal scholarship available on the internet. The Yale Law School Legal Scholarship Repository was developed and is managed by Access Services staff, but it could not exist without the scholarship provided by law school faculty, nor without the dedicated staff of student workers who perform the daily tasks of searching and uploading material for the repository and providing metadata for that scholarship.

Perhaps the greatest advantage of digital repositories to academic institutions is the role they play as natural community builders, which leads to the projection of that community’s identity to the wider world. Recently, the benefits of the communal nature of the repository were richly illustrated when a perfect storm of interest from staff, law students, and law faculty was generated by the site’s redesign, coupled with aggressive outreach on the part of law library staff, resulting in a huge increase in faculty papers published in what has become a far more accessible and functional site. Published articles in the repository rocketed from roughly 300 to more than 4,000.

At the same time and probably not coincidentally, we started to witness a significant increase in site visits and downloads. This year saw a 181 percent increase in page views compared to the previous. We also became aware of the incredible global reach of the repository; of the 41,000 visits to the repository in this past year, less than 3,000 came from Yale and almost half came from outside the United States. We had visitors from 6,039 cities and nearly 170 countries or territories across six continents. Over one million full-text articles have now been downloaded from the repository. The repository has become a fabulous tool for
access services: a year of global outreach

global outreach and it has played a positive role in projecting the law school’s identity in countries as diverse as Kazakhstan (14 visits this year), Iceland (18 visits), India (796 visits), and Iran (79 visits).

Beyond the communal nature of its construction, the repository has served as a community focus for Yale Law School by archiving and celebrating the work of its scholars. The repository is now treated as the central archive of professors’ work, past and present. As such, it represents the intuitional memory of the school’s scholarship and thus a focal point of our community.

This year, the library celebrated the broader Yale Law School community with a multimedia exhibit in the law library. Curated by Access Services staff, *From Legal Pads to iPads: An Exhibition of Great Yale Legal Scholarship* was developed to promote the Yale Law School Legal Scholarship Repository and to honor the continuing brilliance of Yale Law School faculty scholarship. Current and past law faculty articles were exhibited along with artifacts and tools used to produce the work: quills, pencils, pens, manual typewriters, legal pads and iPads. The articles, although just a sample of the classic Yale Law School-produced writings, encompass some of the most influential pieces in all of legal scholarship. An iPad was included in the exhibit that could be used to interact and move through the repository, gaining a powerful insight into the work and strengths of the Yale Law School community.

On a more local level, Access Services has continued to seek ways to innovate and develop better services for our users. Circulation figures have again increased from previous years, as we have improved our paging services and developed new approaches to interlibrary loans, to ensure our readers get the books and articles they need as quickly as possible, frequently within two to three hours.

The Scan-on-Demand service we introduced last year has grown in popularity among our readers, and has served as the model for a new Yale University Scan-on-Demand service. Readers are now able to make scanning requests directly from item records in the Law Library catalog, and to have those requests filled usually within hours.

And on the subject of fantastically innovative services that set the standard for others to follow, the fame of Monty, our therapy dog, continues to grow. A slew of law schools and universities across the country have followed our lead in introducing therapy dogs, and Monty was recently a guest of honor at the American Association of Law Libraries where the library was awarded the AALL marketing award for our therapy dog program. Pursuant to the theme of the increasingly global nature of our work in Access Services, we had inquiries about our therapy dog program from institutions in countries across the world, including Australia, Taiwan, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Associate Librarian for Collections and Access Fred Shapiro continues his roles as the Contributing Editor to *Black’s Law Dictionary* for historical information, consultant to the *Making of Modern Law* digital legal history projects, consultant to the *Oxford English Dictionary* on legal terms, and series editor for Yale University Press on the Yale Law Library Series in Legal History and Reference.

Julian Aiken, Access Services Librarian, co-chairs the Yale University Document Delivery group, and is a member of the Program Committee for the 2012 Access Services Conference. He delivered a presentation at Computers in Libraries on the Library’s therapy dog program, and also presented at the Access Services Conference on the Google Innovation Model. Mr. Aiken was an invited guest speaker at special events at both the University of Pittsburgh School of Information Science and Cornell Law Library. He also spoke at the American Association of Law Libraries on the Yale Law School Legal Scholarship Repository.

Collections and Access Coordinator Cesar Zapata is a member of the Yale University Diversity Council, as well as being Advisory Representative and Past President of the Latino Caucus of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). He has served on several law library search committees, and given tours to visiting professionals from a number of international universities.
In 2011–12, the law library further expanded our offerings of electronic resources which are perhaps the most extensive available at any law library. New databases added include the following:

- ALM Legal Intelligence
- Criminal Justice Abstracts
- Fastcase
- International Encyclopedia of Laws
- Oxford Bibliographies Online: Criminology
- Oxford Bibliographies Online: International Law
- Pratt Banking Law Library
- Westlaw China
- World Jurisdiction and Subject Law Reform Index

In addition, we enhanced our access to a number of existing digital subscriptions. For example, we converted Justis, a British database including historical statutes among other materials, to the Justis Academic Complete version. Access was also improved to ChinaLawInfo and Connecticut Law Tribune, among others. A new contract was signed with BNA / Bloomberg Law, substantially reducing the cost of our subscription.

In general, recordkeeping and management of our electronic titles was significantly improved through the work of our Librarian for Digital Resources, Scott Matheson. We coordinated our efforts in this area more with the Yale University Library than in the past, opening up potential savings for us, and we continued to make our e-resources more easily discoverable by loading tens of thousands of title-level records for the content of various databases into our catalog. We also continued to experiment with e-books through the OverDrive service and through packages of titles from Oxford University Press.

Over one-fourth of our collection budget now goes to digital resources. The majority of our acquisitions, however, is still print material. In response to and as a service to our law students, we now aggressively collect...
print study aids. We created a new location in the main Reading Room with copies of the entire Nutshell, Hornbook, and Concise Hornbook series from the West Publishing Company, and of the Understanding series from Lexis. We are considering adding other study aid series in the next fiscal year. Our Head of Reference Services Julie Krishnaswami, Associate Librarian for Collections and Access Fred Shapiro, Librarian for Acquisitions Anne Myers, and Collections and Access Coordinator Cesar Zapata worked together on this initiative.

Three of our librarians attended a meeting on collaborative collection development for foreign law at Georgetown University. The purpose of this meeting was to advance collaboration that would save money for participating libraries and help ensure the availability of foreign-law publications in the United States. We assumed a leadership role by reaching an agreement with the law library of the University of California, Berkeley to maintain, between our two libraries, subscriptions to all of the journals indexed by the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals, an electronic index database for which one of our librarians, Teresa Miguel-Stearns, indexes the majority of the Latin American journals contained therein.

**COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

The Lillian Goldman Law Library collects books, serials, electronic resources, and other materials primarily to support instruction and research by current and future Yale Law School faculty and students. A secondary but important purpose of our collection is to support legal research and scholarship by members of the Yale University community, the regional community of lawyers, and legal scholars from throughout the world.

Collection policy reflects the Yale Law School’s theoretical orientation, its strong tradition of interdisciplinary studies involving the social sciences and the humanities, and its longstanding interest in law viewed from a global and historical perspective. We favor publications that take a scholarly or critical approach. We favor items published by university presses and other publishers who produce scholarly or authoritative materials. Works that are primarily oriented toward practicing attorneys or are produced by publishers with such an orientation are generally disfavored.

The above general principles guide some specific goals that we are committed to pursuing even in an information climate in which our budget is more constrained than in the past:

- Collect electronic legal resources of significant value to our faculty and students, unless a resource is prohibitively expensive.
- Comprehensively collect scholarly monographs for United States law and for public international law and human rights in the English language.
- Maintain one of the premier collections of legal history materials in the world. This means we will collect rare law books extensively, retain older materials, collect reprints, and collect current secondary sources on legal history extensively.
- Collect foreign-law materials extensively in order to serve the current and future research needs of our faculty and students and to enhance nationwide access to such materials.
- Collect the social science, humanities, and general monographs most in demand by our faculty and students, to the extent that budget permits.

Increasingly, library acquisitions will take the form of providing access to materials through licenses to electronic resources rather than ownership of print. Other forms of access to materials, such as reciprocal arrangements with other libraries for interlibrary lending and cooperative collection development, will probably also become more important.

We are strongly committed to supporting the research and instructional needs of Yale Law School faculty and students. Within reasonable limits imposed by budgets and our duties as stewards of University resources, we will purchase materials requested by law faculty, even though they may be expensive, duplicative of the University Library, or non-legal in subject matter. Even for requests by law students, we will attempt to purchase needed materials that are not overly expensive and not too far afield from law-related subjects.
LIBRARIAN SCHOLARSHIP AND PUBLICATIONS

Julian Aiken:


Margaret Chisholm:

Jason Eiseman:


Ryan Harrington and Camilla Tubbs:

Catherine Kellett:
Book Review: The Indian Civil Rights Act at Forty, Native Peoples Law Caucus Newsletter, 3 (Summer 2012).

KIA-KIX Schedule Update, Native Peoples Law Caucus Newsletter, 7 (Summer 2012).

Mary Jane Kelsey:

Evelyn Ma:

Scott Matheson:
From the Catalog to the Book on the Shelf: Building a Mapping Application for Vufind (with Kathleen Bauer and Michael Friscia) Issue 17, code{4}lib (June 2012).

Teresa Miguel-Stearns:

So You Want to be a Manager: Prepare from Day One, 8 Synergy: News from ARL Diversity Programs 5 (2012).


John Nann:
Yale Guide to Research in American Legal History (with Morris Cohen), accepted for publication with Yale University Press.

Fred Shapiro:


You Can Quote Them (regular column), Yale Alumni Magazine.

Postings on blogs including Freakonomics and Volokh Conspiracy.

Michael VanderHeijden:
“Get Up, Stand Up” – Law Librarians Reject Their Office Chairs’ Cold Embrace, accepted for publication with AALL Spectrum (2012).

Mike Widener:


54 postings on the Yale Law Library Rare Books Blog.
As noted last year, our programs of library publications, both print and online, are undoubtedly the most ambitious of any law library. One of our library publications is the online Yale Law School Legal Scholarship Repository, an open-access repository of YLS faculty, student, and other publications intended to capture the intellectual output of the Law School and preserve its institutional history. The notable strides made by the repository in the last year are discussed in the Access Services section of this Annual Report.

We continued to take the lead role in working with the Gale publishing company in creating the Making of Modern Law (MOML) project, arguably the most important digital legal history initiative in the world. The most recent module in this series is Making of Modern Law: Foreign, Comparative and International Law, 1600–1926, including over 1.4 million pages of treatises on foreign, comparative, and international law published throughout the globe. Our library contributed the great majority of the books digitized, with other books coming from the collections of the George Washington University and Columbia University law libraries. Fred Shapiro, our Associate Librarian for Collections and Access, conceived and planned the entire module, with staff from our Access Services, Rare Books, and Technical Services departments also playing key parts in the project. Scholars and students from Yale Law School and around the country have praised MOML as a resource that has revolutionized the study of legal history.

Yale University Press publishes our primary print book series, the Yale Law Library Series in Legal History and Reference. The fourth book in the series was published this past year (Lawtalk: The Unknown Stories Behind Familiar Legal Expressions, by James E. Clapp, Elizabeth G. Thornburg, Marc Galanter, and Fred R. Shapiro), as was the fifth book (Creating the Administrative Constitution: The Lost One Hundred Years of American Administrative Law, by Jerry L. Mashaw). A previous series book, Representing Justice: Invention, Controversy, and Rights in City-States and Democratic Courtrooms, by Judith Resnik and Dennis E. Curtis, was honored with two truly major awards: the 2011 PROSE Award for the outstanding book in the entire social sciences, from the Association of American Publishers, and the 2012 Scribes Book Award for the best work of legal scholarship, from the American Society of Legal Writers.

Another print book series, the Yale Law Oral History Series, consisting of interviews with retired Yale Law School faculty members, was inaugurated at the end of the academic year. The first booklet to be published was A Conversation with Abraham S. Goldstein, interviewed by Bonnie Collier, former Associate Librarian for Administration.

Other publications by our library or inspired by our library are works in progress or nearing completion. Ann Laeuchli, our former Associate Librarian, is finalizing her revision of Catherine Eller’s The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library: A Bibliographical Catalogue, which will be published by the Selden Society and will be one of the most significant bibliographical works ever in the field of law. John Nann, Associate Librarian for Reference and Instructional Services, is writing a Guide to Research in American Legal History (coauthored with the late Law Librarian Emeritus Morris Cohen), expected to be included in the Yale Law Library Series. In the online realm, under our YLS umbrella we have created a Documents Collection Center including a number of significant digital publications; these have been spearheaded by Head of Technology Services Jason Eiseman and are described in the Reference and Instruction section of this report.

Finally, our Annual Reports are themselves noteworthy publications. Last year’s edition won the Excellence in Marketing Award for Best Brochure from the American Association of Law Libraries.
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To be the best academic law library in the world

MISSION
The Lillian Goldman Law Library supports the educational and scholarly programs of Yale Law School and Yale University as we:
- Discover, acquire, and create a superb collection of resources
- Organize, publish, and deliver information to our patrons
- Provide excellent assistance and instruction to aid in unlocking our rich collection
- Promote the best tools for finding information and using our resources
- Preserve resources, information, and knowledge for current and future scholars
- Provide a welcoming physical and virtual environment for our community
- Support and encourage staff to reach their highest potential
- Contribute to the larger body of global knowledge

GOALS & OBJECTIVES
1. Continue to build, disseminate, and make accessible our unparalleled collection
   - Continue to develop and publicize what makes us unique:
     - a premier collection of historical legal materials
     - a superb foreign and international law collection including an extensive collection of public international law and human rights monographs
     - a comprehensive collection of scholarly monographs for U.S. law
     - electronic resources of significant value to our faculty and students
   - Adjust collection development priorities and processes to changing user preferences, budgets, and technologies
   - Ensure that our infrastructure supports evolving standards in cataloging and acquisitions
   - Explore new collaborative opportunities for delivering information to our patrons
   - Make our resources available to patrons on multiple technological platforms

2. Make the library the place where everyone wants to go
   - Make every patron feel welcome
   - Make optimal use of the Law Library’s space
   - Balance Law Library hours with Yale community needs and Law Library resources
   - Provide innovative solutions for research and learning

3. Be a creative, flexible, and smart organization in an ever-changing environment
   - Regularly review and reassess the Law Library’s organizational structure
   - Provide formal orientation, education, and mentoring programs for staff
   - Document departmental responsibilities, policies, and procedures
   - Share information and spotlight the work and contributions of all staff members
   - Encourage and invest in career skills and professional development for library staff
   - Explore new avenues for library internships, fellowships, and other recruiting initiatives
   - Gather, analyze, and share statistics that support strategic decision making

4. Continue to develop and improve reference assistance and legal research instruction
   - Develop consistent and customized outreach strategies
   - Improve access to reference services
   - Optimize the role of librarians in legal research instruction
   - Explore and implement appropriate reference and instructional technologies

5. Contribute to the larger body of global knowledge
   - Make our unique content available to a wide audience
   - Expand the library’s role as a publisher
   - Formalize support and opportunities for staff to publish and present scholarly material

6. Increase environmental consciousness and responsibility among library staff and patrons
   - Make our unique content available to a wide audience
   - Expand the library’s role as a publisher
   - Formalize support and opportunities for staff to publish and present scholarly material

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
- We provide excellent service to our patrons
- Every employee contributes to unlocking our rich and unique collection
- We are creative, agile, and flexible
- We recognize, appreciate, and value the unique qualities, background, and life experiences each person brings to the Law Library
- We cultivate a culture of trust and integrity through honest communication
- We are environmentally responsible